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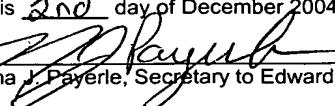
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004,
 Applicant, through his attorney, replies as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.